

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 97-115-C and 2005-253-C - ORDER NO. 2006-212

APRIL 13, 2006

IN RE: Docket No. 97-115-C – Application of	)	ORDER APPROVING
MCImetro Access Transmission Services for	)	NAME MODIFICATIONS
a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Provide Local	)	
Telecommunications Services.	)	
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and	)	
	)	
Docket No. 2005-253-C – Application	)	
Requesting the Approval of the Name	)	
Changes of MCI WorldCom	)	
Communications, Inc. to MCI	)	
Communications Services, Inc. and MCI	)	
WorldCom Network Services, Inc. to MCI	)	
Network Services, Inc.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the requests of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (“MCImetro”) and MCI Communications Services, Inc. (“MCI Communications”) (collectively, the “Companies”) for approval of modifications to the Companies’ names by which the Companies will be doing business in South Carolina. MCImetro proposes to adopt a fictitious name of Verizon Access Transmission Services as a “doing business as” (“d/b/a”) or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina. MCI Communications proposes to adopt a fictitious name of Verizon Business

Services as a “doing business as” (“d/b/a”) or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina.

Upon the Companies’ filing, the Commission’s Docketing Department instructed the Companies to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Companies’ request. The Companies complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. The purpose of the Notice was to provide notification of the present proceeding to any interested parties and to advise interested parties of the manner and time in which to file pleadings to participate in the docket. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter.

A review of the Commission’s records reveals that MCImetro was granted authority to provide resold and facilities based local exchange telecommunications services and exchange access services in the State of South Carolina by Commission Order No. 97-576, issued July 7, 1997. MCI Communications was granted authority to provide interLATA telecommunications services by Commission Order No. 84-732, dated September 24, 1984, in Docket No. 84-181-C, issued in MCI Communications’ original name of MCI Telecommunications Corporation. In subsequent dockets of the Commission, the Commission approved numerous name changes of MCI Telecommunications Corporation. MCI Telecommunications Corporation ultimately became known by its present name of MCI Communications Services, Inc. pursuant to Order No. 2005-618, as amended by Order No. 2005-618(A), issued December 6, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-253-C.

By letter dated January 18, 2006, through the Companies' tariff administrator, the Commission is advised of the Companies' desire to market their services under fictitious names. MCImetro proposes to adopt a fictitious name of Verizon Access Transmission Services as a "doing business as" ("d/b/a") or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina, and MCI Communications proposes to adopt a fictitious name of Verizon Business Services as a "doing business as" ("d/b/a") or trade name with regard to offering telecommunications services in South Carolina. In the request, the Companies assert that the amendment in the Companies' names will provide a means to smoothly integrate the purchase of the Companies by Verizon. Along with the request, the Companies provide a copy of the Companies' revised tariffs reflecting the adoption of the trade names proposed.

By letter filed March 20, 2006, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") advises the Commission that the ORS does not oppose the proposed amendments to the Companies' names and that the requested name changes of the Companies are not inconsistent with the public interest.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2006, the Commission reviewed the case before it, and after due consideration, the Commission concluded that the request of the Companies for approval of an addition of a trade name to the Companies' names should be granted.

The Commission's records, including predecessor dockets, will hereby be amended to reflect the Companies' adoption of the trade names of Verizon Access Transmission Services and Verizon Business Services.

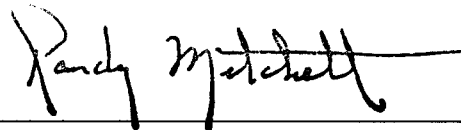
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC's request for approval of the addition of a "doing business as" ("d/b/a") or trade name to the Company's name is approved, and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC is hereby authorized to utilize "Verizon Access Transmission Services" as a trade name for its telecommunications services in South Carolina.

2. MCI Communications Services, Inc.'s request for approval of the addition of a "doing business as" ("d/b/a") or trade name to the Company's name is approved, and MCI Communications Services, Inc. is hereby authorized to utilize "Verizon Business Services" as a trade name for its telecommunications services in South Carolina.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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